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LOCAL NEWS

John Wright was in Detroit the first of the week on business.

E. L. Smith left Wednesday night on a business trip to Chicago.

For a nice clean shave, a neat hair cut or a hot bath, go to Button & Hamilton.—adv.

Rev. Brownlow is assisting Rev. George Beacock of Bay City in special meetings this week.

Finest quality portraits and enlargements at the Griffin Studio. See our latest designs in folders.—adv.

For the finest line of Wall Paper in town, see Carl G. Pierson, call at 714 Pine avenue. Union phone 386.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Becker returned Monday from Ephrata, Wash., where they have spent a year with their son, W. S. Becker.

Write or call C. A. Sawkins Piano Co. for particulars about the special bargain in used piano, to be sold for balance on contract.—adv.

called to Thursday last Saturday, called to Sheridan Thursday last Saturday. Mr. Stoddard's mother a lady 80 years having fallen and broken her hip.

Mrs. A. B. Scattergood spent Sunday with friends at Pontiac and on Monday attended a meeting of the officers of the Pythian Sisters of which she is a member in session there on that day.

Fred Elwood who has bachelor apartments in the Mrs. George Bahlke home on Superior street, suffered a stroke of paralysis last Saturday. He is perfectly helpless and in a very pitiful condition. Friends are trying to find relatives but so far have failed.

The Odd Fellows' hall has been replastered, and greatly improved in appearance. The Initiatory degree will be conferred next Monday night. A large attendance is desired.

Mrs. C. A. Ogle expired at her home in this city last Sunday night. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home, and interment was made at the Riverside cemetery, the Rev. J. W. Priest officiating. The deceased was sixty-two years of age and was a native of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Miller of Grand Rapids arrived in Alma, Monday and for the time being will reside at the James G. Kress home on Superior street west. Mr. Miller is the proprietor of the new Rockwell theatre. They came to Alma to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Walton, Mrs. S. M. Kipp and Rev. J. W. Priest went to St. Louis, Monday to attend the funeral service of Mrs. Loris Luce, Mrs. Luce died in Ithaca, Saturday, March 11, of pneumonia. She was a member of the First Baptist church of this place and at the time of her death was fifty-four years of age.

The stock company playing the "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" which played in this city last Friday evening drew a good crowd. The production came direct from the Amsterdam theatre in New York and is one of the best stock companies on the road this season. Manager Karl Adams of the opera house is to be congratulated upon having secured such an attraction for this city's playhouse.

MARKET REPORT.

Following are the prices paid by the Alma Grain & Lumber Company mill, March 16:

Red Wheat	\$1.09
White Wheat	1.04
Oats	1.37
Beans	3.35
Barley, cwt.	.82
Rye	.85
Corn, shelled	.70
Corn, ear	.35
Buckwheat, cwt.	1.50
Chicken wheat, pur bu.	.85

Cattle Market.

Average prices paid by business houses:

Fat cattle	\$5.00 to \$ 7.25
Heavy Hogs	9.00
Pigs	8.25
Dressed, Light	12.00
Dressed, Heavy	11.00

Mutton	5.00
Lambs	9.00
Calves	\$7.00 to \$ 9.00
Dressed Pork	10.50
Dressed Calves	13.50

Heavy hens	.14
Spring chickens	.14
Turkeys	.17
Geese	.11
Heavy ducks	.11
Green hides	12 1/2c
Butter	.28
Eggs	.18

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LOCAL JUNKMEN IN BAD WITH MICHIGAN SUGAR CO.

Boys Act as Agents, Through Which Valuable Material is Secured from Alma Plant.

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Church Notes

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds service in the Savings Bank block, every Sunday morning at 10:30. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. Reading room open every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

A. B. Bowman, pastor. Praching service, 10:00 a. m. Sunday school, 11:00 a. m.

ST. JOHN'S

Holy communion, 8:00 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 10:00 a. m.

Sunday school, 11:30 a. m. Vesper service, 5:00 p. m.

Subject for morning sermon: "God Revealed unto Babes."

For Vesper service: "The Healing of the Daughter of the Syrophornician."

Tuesday, Litany and Bible, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Holy communion, 9:30 a. m.

Wednesday, Children's service, 3:30 p. m.

Friday, evening prayer and address on Missions.

J. Frank Jackson, Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH

J. W. Priest, pastor, residence, 802 Gratiot avenue.

Sunday morning service, 10 o'clock. Sermon: "Prove Me Now."

Sunday school, 11:15.

B. Y. P. U. meeting 6 o'clock, topic: "Getting Power from a Pledge," Marjorie Bildson, leader.

Union service in Presbyterian church at 7 o'clock.

Thursday night prayer meeting, 7:30.

All are invited to these services.

The Woman's Mission Circle of the First Baptist church, held its annual meeting last Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. E. C. Crandell. After a short devotional service the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. E. B. Soule. Vice president—Mrs. D. L. Johnson. Secretary—Mrs. S. M. Kipp. Treasurer—Mrs. S. M. Kipp.

The program was based upon the study book, "In Red Man's Land," and was conducted by Mrs. D. L. Johnson. Mrs. John Becker sang a solo, after which the Victrola rendered a number of selections. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

BAPTIST PHILATHEA CLASS

The Philathea class of the First Baptist Sunday school, held its annual meeting last Monday evening, with Mrs. E. R. Besore. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. D. L. Johnson. Vice President—Mrs. E. R. Besore. Secretary—Miss Vinnie Boyd. Treasurer—Mrs. William Medler.

After an evening spent in social conversation and in doing fancy work, the hostess served dainty refreshments.

METHODIST

First M. E. church, Thomas G. R. Brownlow, minister, parsonage 724 State street, Union phone 43.

Sunday 10:00 a. m.—Praching and Bible school. Prof. Brookshire will preach.

3:00 p. m.—Junior Epworth League, B. F. Mills, superintendent.

6:00 p. m.—Intermediate Epworth League, Miss Mildred Avery, superintendent.

8:00 p. m. Epworth League, Mr. Clifford Cummings, president.

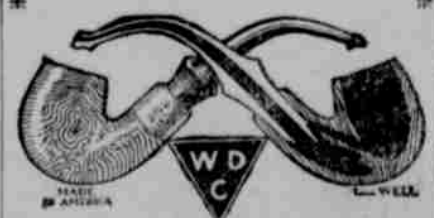
There will be a Union Temperance meeting at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening 7:00 p. m.

Thursday 7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting. You are invited to worship with us.

ENTERTAIN STANDARD BEARER

The Standard Bearers of the Methodist church were entertained at the regular monthly business meeting by Miss Bethel Cummings at her home on Woodworth avenue. Refreshments and a social hour featured the evening after the meeting.

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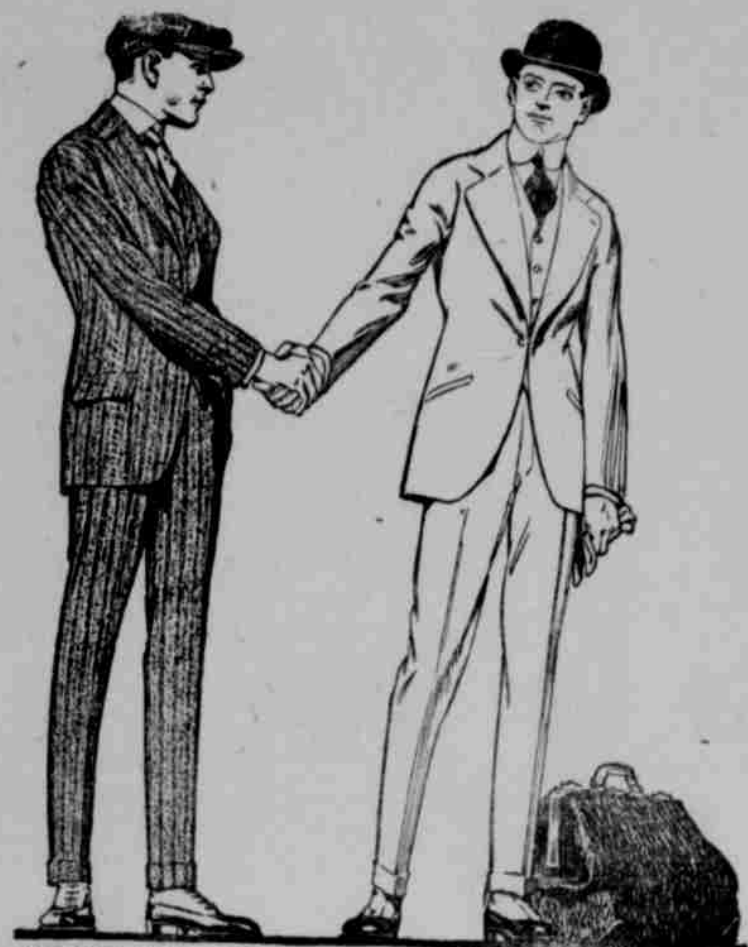
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THE FARMER'S COW

A big meeting of all the farmers who are interested in the old reliable, Shorthorn, (commonly called "Durham") cow is to be held in Alma, Thursday, March 30 at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. This meeting will be of interest to both the pure bred breeder and the general farmer, who is not situated to carry on a dairy business in the strict sense of the word.

Speakers will be present from M. A. C. and other out side points and it is promised that the best cow or cattle proposition for the general farmers of this part of the state will be presented at this meeting.

All farmers desiring to learn how to improve their herds along the most practical lines; how to get the most money out of their cattle both in milk and beef and co-operative marketing will attend this meeting. The Central Michigan Shorthorn Breeders Association is behind this movement and this association is composed of practical general farmers. Don't forget the date and plan to be there. March 30.

For information write C. W. Crum, Secretary, McBrides.

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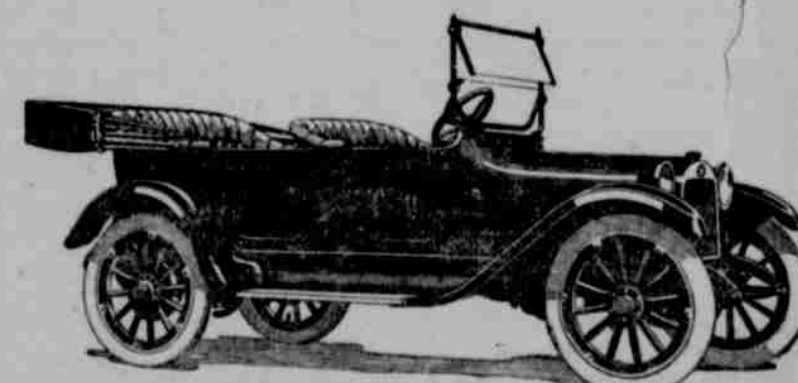
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